California State Senate

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SECOND SENATE DISTRICT



February 22, 2015

Douglas H. Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy Attn: Joel Gerwein 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Humboldt Bay Dunes Marsh Restoration Program

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Humboldt Bay Dunes and Marsh Restoration Program (Program) which has been submitted to the Conservancy for authorization. The program is to be carried out by the Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) and Friends of the Dunes (FOD) with funding support from the National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF).

Invasive Spartina and invasive dune species pose a significant threat to the functioning of tidal marshes and coastal dunes around Humboldt Bay. In light of the historical loss of 90% of the wetlands and extensive impacts to dunes around Humboldt Bay, it is critical that we eradicate invasive Spartina and invasive dune species, and restore our remaining marshes and dunes and the biodiversity they support.

The proposed Program reflects the strength of the community partnership that has been forged in the effort to protect and restore the tidal marshes and dunes in Humboldt Bay. I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend my support for the Humboldt Bay Dunes Marsh Restoration Program and I urge your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike McGuire

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